

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Paolo COSTANTINO et al.

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For: HYPO- AND HYPER-ACETYLATED  
MENINGOCOCCAL CAPSULAR  
SACCHARIDES

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Examiner: P. A. Duffy

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 21, 2011 (Paper No. 20110419), for which a response was due on July 21, 2011. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month's extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 21, 2011. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.